



Spring 2002



KEEPING CHIP FAMILIES INFORMED

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DID YOU KNOW?

Yearly eye exams are recommended for children. Children with CHIP may get eye exams from optometrists and ophthalmologists who are CHIP providers. Check your BlueCHIP Provider Directory for providers in your area.

Your child may get one pair of glasses every 12 months. CHIP is unable to pay for new glasses if your child loses glasses paid for by CHIP during that time. CHIP does not pay for extra features, such as protective coatings and most tints, but you may pay for these features.

CHIP pays only for Walman Optical/CHIP frames and they have a 24 - month warranty. If your child's frames get broken during that time, they can be repaired. There may be a small charge to you for postage and handling.

If your child chooses a frame that is not a Walman Optical/CHIP frame, you will pay for the frame and CHIP will pay for the lenses.

AND... DID YOU KNOW?

As of March 2002, CHIP has about a 2 to 3 month wait for new enrollees from the waiting list to be enrolled.

HOW ABOUT?

Your child may go to a Naturopath if the Naturopath is a CHIP provider.

WHAT ABOUT THIS?

If a child gets a new baby brother or sister, the new baby can be enrolled in CHIP the 1st of the month after the child is born. Be sure to call the CHIP office with the baby's name and birth date.

HAVE YOU HEARD?

CHIP covers hearing exams, including newborn hearing screens in a hospital or an outpatient setting.

CHIP INCOME LIMITS HAVE INCREASED

Tell your friends...

Family Size (includes adults)	Family's yearly income (approximately)
2	\$17,910
3	\$22,530
4	\$27,150
5	\$31,770
6	\$36,390
7	\$41,010
If your income is close or slightly over the limit, call 1-877-543-7669. You may still be eligible.	

Remember...



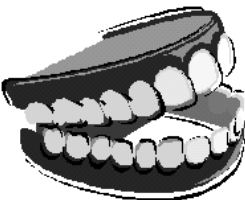
Sports and employment physicals are also covered by CHIP.

CHIP & CSHS WORKING TOGETHER

Children's Special Health Services (CSHS) assists families by helping children with special health care needs. If you have a child with cleft lip or palate, a heart condition, club foot, or scoliosis, or if your child has a chronic condition such as asthma, diabetes, juvenile arthritis, or seizures, CSHS may be able to help.

CSHS also conducts specialty clinics throughout the state that provide planning for the care and treatment of children with special health care needs. Clinics include Cleft Lip and Palate/Craniofacial, Metabolic/PKU, and Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis.

For more information, call 1-800-762-9891.



FINDING A CHIP DENTIST

Starting this month, CHIP families who become enrolled or re-enrolled will receive a list of dentists who are CHIP providers. This information will make it easier for you to obtain services from a CHIP dentist in your community. Please be sure to let the dentist's office know, when you call to make an appointment, that your child has CHIP.



BORED ON A RAINY DAY? How 'bout makin' Salt Flour Clay?

3 cups flour
3/4 cup salt
1/2 tsp. oil

enough water for thick mud

Mix stuff together. Store in something to keep the air out. Add a tablespoon of powdered alum to make more. Add coloring with flour and salt before adding water if powdered paint is used. If food coloring is used, add this to the water before mixing with dry stuff.

PS: Tempera paint is way better than food coloring. Dry tempera washes from clothes and does not stain (Moms like that!). It also keeps forever. You can get red, yellow and blue. These can be mixed to make other cool or yucky colors.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



Children's Health Insurance Plan
(CHIP)
Toll Free
1-877-543-7669
(1-877-KIDSNOW)



CHIP Web Site Address
www.insurekidsnow.gov
Select Montana



CHIP Email Address
chip@state.mt.us



BlueChip
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana
1-800-447-7828 extension 8647